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## **Secret**

LEBANON: HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS CONTINUED IN THE NORTHERN PORT CITY OF TRIPOLI YESTERDAY. AT LEAST 25 PERSONS HAVE DIED IN THE LATEST ROUND OF HOSTILITIES, AND PARTS OF THE CITY ARE WITHOUT WATER OR ELECTRICITY. Y

MILITIAMEN FROM TRIPOLI, A PREDOMINANTLY MUSLIM CITY, REPORTEDLY HAVE TAKEN UP POSITIONS IN THE HILLS OVERLOOKING THE NEARBY CHRISTIAN VILLAGE OF ZASHARTA. THEY HAVE BEEN SHELLING THE VILLAGE WITH MORTARS AND ROCKET-LAUNCHED GRENADES. THE ATTACKERS ARE SEEKING REVENGE FOR THE SLAYING OF 12 MUSLIMS BY CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN ON SUNDAY ON THE TRIPOLI-BEIRUT HIGHWAY. Y

MOST FEDAYEEN LEADERS REALIZE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER RASHID KARAMI IS AS SYMPATHETIC TO THE PALESTINIANS AS ANY THAT IS LIKELY TO ENERGE OUT OF LEBANON'S POLITICAL SYSTEM, AND THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE ACTIONS THAT MIGHT FORCE HIS RESIGNATION.Y

LESS RADICAL FEDAYEEN LEADERS-INCLUDING PLO AND FATAH CHIEF YASIR ARAFAT-ARE ON THE DEFENSIVE,

HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF THEIR FAILURE TO WIN ANY CONCESSIONS FOR THE DATE:

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PALESTINIANS AS PART OF THE MOST RECENT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT.

THEY WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT KEEPING THEIR FOLLOWERS ON THE SIDELINES

IF THE FIGHTING CONTINUES.Y

KARAMI, A MUSLIM, APPARENTLY IS AT ODDS WITH INTERIOR MINISTER
CAMILLE SHAMUN, A CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN, OVER HOW TO DEAL WITH THE
CURRENT TROUBLE. SHAMUN, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HAS THREATENED
TO RESIGN UNLESS THE LEBANESE ARMY IS CALLED IN TO STOP THE FIGHTING.
KARAMI OPPOSES SUCH A STRATEGY, ON GROUNDS THAT USE OF THE
PREDOMINANTLY CHRISTIAN-OFFICERED ARMY WOULD ANTAGONIZE HIS MUSLIM
AND LEFTIST SUPPORTERS AND LEAD TO MORE SERIOUS HOSTILITIES.Y

THE ARMY HAS NOT BEEN CALLED ON TO PUT DOWN CIVIL UNREST IN LEBANON SINCE THE SPRING OF 1973. AT THAT TIME, THE ARMY'S FIGHT WITH THE FEDAYEEN BROUGHT SYRIA TO THE VERGE OF MOVING TROOPS INTO LEBANON. THE GOVERNMENT USED ONLY INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES DURING THE FIGHTING IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE CABINET HAD

ADOPTED SEVERAL DECISIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO "PACIFICATION OF THE

SITUATION. B" HE OFFERED NO SPECIFICS. AND HE APPEARED PRIMARILY TO

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BE TRYING TO COVER THE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN KARAMI AND SHAMUN. THE CABINET WILL MEET AGAIN TODAY. IF IT AGAIN FAILS TO COME UP WITH FFFECTIVE COUNTERMEASURES. THE FIGHTING IS LIKELY TO SPREAD 25X1
TO OTHER LEBANESE CITIES AND MAY LEAD TO THE COLLAPSE OF KARAMIE'S TWO-MONTH-OLD "SALVATION CABINET."

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CHINA-VIETNAM: PEKING'S TREATMENT OF HANOI'S NATIONAL DAY LAST WEEK POINTS UP CONTINUING FRICTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS CHINA'S CONCERN THAT HANOI IS FALLING UNDER MOSCOW'S DOMINATION.Y

THE CELEBRATIONS IN HANOI, MARKING THE BOTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT'S FOUNDING, CALLED FOR HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE
ATTENTION, BUT PEKING APPEARS TO HAVE PLAYED DOWN THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE EVENT AS WELL AS THE CURRENT STATUS OF CHINA'S RELATIONS
WITH NORTH VIETNAM.4

NEITHER THE MESSAGE FROM CHINESE LEADERS, INCLUDING MAO

TSE-TUNG AND CHOU EN-LAI, NOR THE EUPEOPLE'S DAILY, EDITORIAL MARKING

THE OCCASION INCLUDED THE ENTHUSIASTIC EXPRESSIONS OF SINO-VIETNAMESE

SOLIDARITY THAT WERE FEATURES OF CHINES STATEMENTS IN THE PAST. Y

# ALTHOUGH CHINA SENT A FAIRLY HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO HANOI LED BY POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN HSI-LIEN, PEKING DISPLAYED A CLEAR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR THE ANNIVERSARY. IN A SPEECH DELIVERED AT A VIETNAMESE IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX, CHEN DID REFER TO CHINA'S

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"INTERNATIONALIST OBLIGATION" TO SUPPORT THE VIETNAMESE, WHOM
HE REFERRED TO AS "CLOSE COMRADES IN ARMS AND BROTHERS," BUT
HE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO LECTURE THE VIETNAMESE ON THE 25X1
DANGERS OF SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ELSEWHERE.4
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OBVIOUSLY PLAN, WHELEVER POSSIBLE, TO ATTEMPT TO INCREASE
THEIR OWN LEVERAGE WITH THE VIETNAMESE AND TO CONTINUE TO DRAW
HANOI'S ATTENTION TO THE DARKER SIDE OF SOVIET INTENTIONS.E//Y
//HOW MUCH CONFIDENCE PEKING ACTUALLY HAS IN ITS ABILITY TO
IMPROVE TIES WITH HANOI, TO SAY NOTHING OF EFFECTIVELY COUNTERING
SOVIET INFLUENCE IN VIETNAM, IS ANOTHER QUESTION.
DESIGNATION OVER TERRITORIAL CLAIMS IN THE
SOUTH CHINA SEA HAVE BEEN MANIFEST FOR SOME TIME—ESPECIALLY SINCE
PEKING ASSUMED FULL CONTROL OF THE PARACEL ISLANDS LAST YEAR
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	THE CHINESE HAVE PORTRAYED THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE VIETNAMESE AS
,	RESULTING FROM SOVIET "MEDDLING," PROBABLY TO DISGUISE THE
	SERIOUSNESS OF PEKING'S DIFFICULTIES WITH HANOI AND TO PREVENT
	RELATIONS FROM GETTING ANY WORSE. OVER THE LONG RUN, HOWEVER, THE
i.	CHINESE VIEW OF HANOI AS A SOVIET-BACKED CHALLENGER TO PEKING
	25X1 OWN INFLUENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA COULD MEAN THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN
	THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL DETERIORATE EVEN FURTHER.
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WILL BE NAMED IN TWO OR THREE DAYS. THE ANTI-COMMUNIST FACTION OF
MAJOR MELO ANTUNES, MEANWHILE, HAS TAKEN STEPS TO CONSOLIDATE ITS
POSITION WITHIN PORTUGAL'S RULING MILITARY COUNCILS.Y

THE ANTUNES GROUP, EXCLUDED FROM RECENT MEETINGS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, QUICKLY MADE ITS PRESENCE FELT WHEN A REVAMPED COUNCIL MET FOR THE FIRST TIME YESTERDAY. THE COUNCIL DECIDED DO :

- --TO APPOINT ANTUNES SUPPORTER VASCO LOURENCO HEAD OF A

  COMMITTEE TO RESTRUCTURE BOTH THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND THE

  COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ARMED FORCES GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- --TO REINSTATE ANTI-COMMUNIST FORMER COUNCIL MEMBERS
  MELO ANTUNES AND VITOR ALVES.
- --TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT MILITARY MUNITS AND THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS.
- --TO PROSCRIBE INTERVIEWS BY MILITARY FIGURES OTHER THAN

  MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO PREVENT PUBLIC DATE:

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STATEMENTS BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES AND OTHER PRO-COMMUNIST OFFICERS.4

WITH THE ANNOUNCED RESTRUCTURING OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE COUNCIL, WHICH SINCE JULY HAS BEEN RELEGATED TO A PURELY ADVISORY ROLE, APPEARED TO BE REASSERTING ITSELF AS THE SUPREME AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTRY. AS EVIDENCE OF ITS NEW AUTHORITY, THE COUNCIL DECREED THAT DISCIPLINARY MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST A MILITARY POLICE REGIMENT THAT HAS REFUSED TO GO TO ANGOLA.

THE COUNCIL ALSO CONFIRMED THE MILITARY'S INTENTION TO PLAY A

DOMINANT POLITICAL ROLE WHEN IT LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO

STATEMENTS MADE BY A LOCAL LEADER OF THE CENTER-LEFT POPULAR

DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE PARTY OFFICIAL HAD URGED THAT THE ARMED FORCES

MOVEMENT BE DISSOLVED, THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL BE SCRAPPED,

AND THAT THE MILITARY RETURN TO ITS BARRACKS AND LEAVE THE RUNNING

OF THE COUNTRY TO CIVILIAN POLITICIANS. 4

IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, THE ANTUNES GROUP'S NEW ASSERTIVENESS WILL HAVE ON THE FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

DURING THE STRUGGLE TO REMOVE GONCALVES, THE ANTUNES FACTION

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REPORTEDLY PURSUED A JOINT STRATEGY WITH THE SOCIALISTS AND POPULAR DEMOCRATS. THE GOODWILL ESTABLISHED DURING THAT PERIOD COULD EASILY BREAK DOWN, HOWEVER, IF THE POLITICAL PARTIES' EXCESSIVE DEMANDS FOR POWER FRUSTRATE THE MILITARY IN ITS DESIRE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT AND GET THE COUNTRY MOVING AGAIN.Y

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PARTI	ES AND	THE	COMMUNISTS	COULD	CAUSE	TROUBLE	IN	THE	SELE CTION	OF A
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2. USSR-US: TWO PROMINENT MEMBERS OF MOSCOW'S INSTITUTE OF
THE USA AND CANADA HAVE IN RECENT ARTICLES DEFENDED SOVIET DETENTE
POLICY AGAINST WESTERN CRITICS, AND PERHAPS AGAINST DOMESTIC SKEPTIC
AS WELL.Y

THE ARTICLES SEEM TO BE FRESH EVIDENCE OF MOSCOU'S CONCERN

OVER WHAT IT REGARDS AS RENEWED ANTI-SOVIET SENTIMENT IN THE WEST

PARTICULARLY IN THE US. BOTH ARTICLES BETRAY A CERTAIN DEFENSIVE NESS

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ABOUT THE FUTURE OF DETENTE—IN ONE CASE BY A BLUSTERY TONE, IN
THE OTHER BY AN APPARENTLY FORCED EFFORT TO REASSURE THAT ALL
WILL BE WELL IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR.4

IZVESTIA # ON SEPTEMBER 4 PUBLISHED A LENGTHY ARTICLE

BY GEORGY ARBATOV, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE AND MOSCOW'S

LEADING ACADEMIC AUTHORITY ON THE US. EVIDENTLY RESPONDING TO

WESTERN DENIGRATION OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AGREEMENT,

ARBATOV DEFENDS THE USSR AGAINST CHARGES OF NONCOMPLIANCE,

ESPECIALLY WITH THE HUMAN CONTACTS PROVISIONS OF "BASKET

THREE," BY LAUNCHING A SHARP COUNTERATTACK AIMED AT DISCREDITING

THE WES.'S RIGHT TO PASS JUDGMENT ON THE SOVIET UNION. ARBATOV'S

TOUGH LINE MAY BE INTENDED TO SET THE STAGE FOR FUTURE REBUFFS

OF WESTERN EFFORTS TO "INTERFERE" IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

HE MAY ALSO WANT TO ASSURE HIS INTERNAL AUDIENCE THAT MOSCOWB'S

INTEREST IN PROMOTING DETENTE WILL NOT LEAD TO AN EASING OF ITS

TIGHT CONTROL OVER DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. 4

IN A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE WEST, ARBATOV DENIES THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SEEKING TO USE DETENTE TO "NUDGE FORWARD" CLASS

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AND NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES. HE DENIES THAT THE DIFFICULTIES

FACING THE US IN GREECE, TURKEY, AND PORTUGAL ARE A CONSEQUENCE

OF SOVIET ACTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE EXPRESSLY REJECTS ANY

INTERPRETATION OF DETENTE AS ENTAILING A SOVIET OBLIGATION

TO PRESERVE THE "SOCIAL STATUS QUO." IN ESSENCE, ARBATOV

ARGUES THAT THE USSR HAS EVERY RIGHT UNDER DETENTE TO SUPPORT

ITS FRIENDS.Y

ARBATOV ALSO SCEMS TO BE REASSURING HIS DOMESTIC READERS
THAT SUPPORT FOR DETENTE RENAINS STRONG IN THE US. HE IMPLICITLY
CAUTIONS HIS SOVIET READERS NOT TO OVERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF
DETENTE'S OPPONENTS AND NOT TO TURN AWAY FROM A POLICY THAT HAS
BROUGHT THE USSR "STRIKING" ACHIEVEMENTS.Y

THE MESSAGE THAT US-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE STILL GENERALLY
HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS ALSO CONVEYED IN AN ARTICLE
APPEARING IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE SOVIET JOURNAL
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. EMRITTEN BY GENRIKH TROFINENKO, A
SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OF ARBATOV'S INSTITUTE, THE ARTICLE CONTENDS
THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE ATTAINED A "CERTAIN STABILITY"

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THAT CAN SUSTAIN TENSION-PRODUCING SHOCKS. HE CITES THE 1973

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND 1974 US TRADE LEGISLATION AS SOURCES OF

TENSION WHOSE EFFECTS HAVE BEEN FULLY OVERCOME. 4

TROFIMENKO ARGUES THAT THE COMPLEX OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SINCE 1972 HAS CREATED A STABILIZING BASIS FOR RELATIONS WHICH, IF NOT UNSHAKABLE, HAS AT LEAST PERMITTED THE TWO SIDES TO WEATHER SUBSEQUENT PROBLEMS WITHOUT A DAMAGING "RIPPLE" EFFECT. Y

TROFIMENKO ADDS TO THIS ROSY ASSESSMENT THE VIEW THAT

ENEMIES OF DETENTE IN THE US WILL BE OVERCOME. IN SUPPORT OF

THIS ASSERTION HE CLAIMS THAT EVEN THE US "ESTABLISHMENT" NOW

SUPPORTS DETENTE WITH THE USSR. HE PROFESSES CONFIDENCE THAT

ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL BE NORMALIZED AND THAT FURTHER PROGRESS

WILL BE MADE ON LIMITING STRATEGIC WEAPONS.

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3. USSR: FITHE SOVIET REGIME HAS REVERSED ITSELF AND IS
GRANTING PERMISSION FOR MOSCOW'S UNCONVENTIONAL ARTISTS TO HOLD
A TEN-DAY INDOOR EXHIBIT OF THEIR WORKS STARTING SEPTEMBER 20.4

ACCORDING TO THE US EMBASSY, BOTH THE ORGINAL DECISION IN

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LATE AUGUST TO BAN THE EXHIBIT AND THE REVERSAL A WEEK LATER WERE

MADE AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEVEL. A SIMILAR BUT SMALLER SCALE SHOW OF UNORTHODOX ART IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN LENINGRAD TOMORROW. 4

THE REGIME MAY HAVE ACTED TO AVOID UNFAVORABLE WESTERN PUBLICITY ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY-SEPTEMBER 15-OF THE "ART MASSACRE" IN MOSCOW. PLANS WERE ALREADY AFOOT AMONG THE UNCONVENTIONAL ARTISTS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGIME'S USE OF BULLDOZERS AND WATER CANNON TO DISRUPT AN OPEN-AIR ART SHOW. THE ARTISTS' DETERMINATION TO ACT REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES MAY HAVE CONVINCED THE AUTHORITIES THAT A COMPROMISE THIS YEAR IS THE BEST WAY TO MINIMIZE PUBLICITY. 4

THE ARTISTS SAY THEY ARE VERY SATISFIED WITH THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH PROVIDE FOR SHOWING SOME 1,000 PAINTINGS BY ALMOST 200 EXHIBITORS IN A LARGE, TWO-STORY HALL. NO PRIOR CENSORSHIP OF THE WORKS HAS BEEN IMPOSED, SAVE FOR A BAN ON "ANTI-SOVIET" AND "PORNOGRAPHIC" ART.Y

THE REGIME, HOWEVER, DID SCORE POINTS IN SCHEDULING THE EXHIBIT DATE: ORIG: UNIT: EXT:

TO OPEN AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 15 ANNIVERSARY AND IN LIMITING EXHIBITORS
TO THOSE LEGALLY RESIDENT IN MOSCOW. SIMILARLY, THE LENINGRAD SHOW IS
LIMITED TO ARTISTS RESIDENT IN THAT CITY. THERE ARE PRESS REPORTS THAT
A SPLINTER GROUP OF ARTISTS IN MOSCOW IS UNHAPPY WITH THESE
STIPULATIONS AND THAT SOME OF THEM ARE PLANNING AN UNAUTHORIZED

BY LIMITING THE SHOWS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD TO LOCAL ARTISTS.

THE REGIME AVOIDS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE. LOCAL

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COME UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND CANDIDATE POLITBURO MEMBER PETR DEMICHEV CAN

"GESTURE" IN THE CAPITAL EITHER ON SEPTEMBER 15 OR DURING THE LATER

THE SITUATION FACED BY THE ARTISTS MIRRORS IN MANY WAYS THAT OF THE DISSIDENTS, JEWS, AND OTHERS REGARDED BY THE REGIME AS BEING ON THE DANGEROUS FRINGE OF SOVIET SOCIETY. MANY OF THEM INITIALLY HAD HOPED THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE WOULD RESULT IN AN EASING OF DOMESTIC CONDITIONS EVEN WHILE SOVIET PROPAGANDA WAS DOING ITS UTMOST TO DISABUSE THEM OF THEIR HOPES.Y

THUS DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SHOWS' SUCCESS OR FAILURE.Y

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THE CONTINUING INERTIA IN SOVIET CULTURAL POLICY AND THE RESULTING.

DISARRAY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. ON A WIDER SCALE, THIS ATTITUDE HAS

PRODUCED A PATTERN OF RELUCTANT CONCESSIONS TO THOSE FEW ABLE TO

ENLIST WESTERN PUBLICITY, WHILE THE MANY WITHOUT A VOICE MUST ENDURE

A CONTINUING CAMPAIGN AGAINST UNORTHODOXY.Y

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE COMING MONTHS MAY WITNESS SOME UPSURGE
IN DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES. SUCH ACTIVITY COULD SPARK CONFLICT AS
DISSIDENTS SEEK NEW WAYS TO TURN THE SPOTLIGHT OF BOTH WESTERN
PUBLICITY AND OFFICIAL PRESSURE ONTO THE SOVIET DOMESTIC SCENE.

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